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SUBJECT: PRESS COMMENTS ON BORDER ACTIVITY IN IRIAN JAYA

1. AT PRESS CONFERENCE FEBRUARY 20 PRIME MINISTER SOMARE SAID GPNG WOULD PROSECUTE PAPUA NEW GUINEANS CAUGHT ACTIVELY SUPPORTING IRIAN JAYA FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND WARNED THAT IRIANESE RESIDENTS WOULD BE DEPORTED IF CAUGHT GIVING SUPPORT. HE DENIED THAT A FREEDOM FIGHTER TRAINING CAMP HAD BEEN DISCOVERED IN PNG. SOMARE QUOTED AS SAYING "WE DO NOT RECOGNIZE REBELS" AND "WE RESPECT INDONESIA'S SOVEREIGNTY."

2. POST COURIER NEWS STORY CLAIMED IRIANESE FREEDOM FIGHTERS ARE BEING SUPPLIED WITH SURPLUS ARMS FROM VIET NAM. ALSO CLAIMED FOUR ORGANIZATIONS AROUND WORLD ARE SUPPLY FUNDS FOR FREEDOM FIGHTERS: NAACP IN U.S.; ANGLO-MELANESIAN SOCIETY IN UK; NIPPON-NEW GUINEA FRIENDSHIP ASSOCIATION IN JAPAN AND FAITHFUL THROUGH THE AGES FOUNDATION IN THE NETHERLANDS.

3. COMMENT: THE MEDIA HAVE GIVEN A GOOD DEAL OF ATTENTION TO THE RECENT BORDER ACTIVITY AND GPNG HAS REACTED SHARPLY TO ALLEGATIONS. THIS UNDERSCORES THE SENSITIVITY OF THE BORDER AND
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